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AUTOPSY REPORT

Case Number: [REDACTED]

October 4, 2017

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PATHOLOGIC EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

[REDACTED]


DIAGNOSES

1. Gunshot Wound of the Head, Perforating (see injury description).

OPINION

CAUSE OF DEATH: The cause of death of this [REDACTED] female, [REDACTED] is GUNSHOT WOUND OF THE HEAD.

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE.


Lary Simms, DO, MPH (DABP-AP, CP, FP)
Medical Examiner
Clark County, Nevada (Las Vegas)

DATE:

Dec 20 2017

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POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

[REDACTED]

NOTICE: Forensic, medical and scientific evidence as proof of a fact can establish that fact to an extent varying between slight possibility to certainty. The minimal standard of proof for all conclusions in this report is to a reasonable degree of scientific, medical and forensic certainty; the degree of certainty for any given conclusion in this report can range from this lowest standard of certainty up to beyond a reasonable doubt.

The manner of death is based on the information available at the time of signature.

AUTOPSY: Date of pronounced death is October 1, 2017. The autopsy is performed by Lary Simms, DO, MPH, Medical Examiner, at 1130 hours, October 4, 2017.

CLOTHING: The body is received unclothed; a paper identification bracelet is present on the right wrist; accompanying the body are black boots, light-colored top, dark bottoms, red underwear, and red bra.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION: The body is that of a normally developed [REDACTED] adult. Rigor mortis is minimal and symmetrical. Lividity is present posteriorly. The head hair is dark and long. The eyes are closed. The corneas are cloudy. The irides are dark. The nose, lips and mouth are unremarkable. The teeth are natural and in fair repair. No injuries are identified to the external neck. The chest and abdomen show no evidence of natural disease. The extremities are equally and symmetrically developed. Fingerprint ink is present on the hands bilaterally. The fingernails and toenails are medium in length and the toenails demonstrate decoration. The external genitalia are female and otherwise unremarkable. The back and buttocks show no evidence of natural disease.

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INVENTORY OF RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS:

COMMENT: Digital radiographs are interpreted on an ENTUITIVE monitor; extracorporeal objects are present; acute medical intervention is present.

1. Postmortem regional radiographs of the head and neck demonstrate multiple skull fractures associated with pneumocranium and multiple ballistically significant and insignificant bullet fragments scattered across the cranial cavity.
2. Postmortem regional radiograph of the chest is unremarkable.
3. Postmortem regional radiographs of the abdomen and pelvis are unremarkable.
4. Postmortem regional radiographs of the extremities are unremarkable.

INVENTORY OF GUNSHOT INJURY:

1. Located in the vertex of the head 2.20 inches to the left of the midline is a gunshot wound of entrance measuring 0.23 inch in overall dimension; the wound is composed of a central hole measuring 0.12 inch in dimension associated with a circumferential abrasion collar measuring up to 0.05 inch in dimension; a satellite punctate perforation is present.

The bullet courses through the skin and subcutaneous tissues of the vertex of the head and enters the cranial cavity through the left frontoparietal skull which demonstrates beveling of the endocranial surface and focal beveling of the ectocranial surface; the bullet courses through the left cerebral hemisphere, crosses the midline, courses through the right cerebral hemisphere and



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exits from the cranial cavity through the right temporal skull which demonstrates beveling of the ectocranial surface.

The calvaria demonstrate multiple fractures that extend into the basilar skull on the right side; the membranous compartments of the cranial cavity demonstrate broad areas of subarachnoid and subdural hemorrhage; the surfaces of the brain, especially the basilar surfaces, demonstrate scattered contusions; the parenchyma of the brain demonstrates multiple bone fragments acting as secondary missiles.

Multiple deformed lead and jacket fragments are recovered from the right side of the brain.

The bullet exits from the head through the scalp of the right temporal area 3.6 inches from the top of the head, 1.8 inches above the right external auditory canal and 1.7 inches in front of the right external auditory canal; the exit wound is irregular in shape and measures 0.35 x 0.30 inch in dimension.

The bullet courses from back-to-front, left-to-right and downward directly. Examination of the wound of entrance shows no evidence of close-range firing.

INVENTORY OF ADDITIONAL FINDINGS:

1. The periorbital soft tissue demonstrates ecchymosis and edema bilaterally.
2. The right ear demonstrates otorrhagia.
3. Epistaxis is present.
4. The arms bilaterally demonstrate scattered irregular and curvilinear hyperpigmented and hypopigmented areas.

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5. The legs bilaterally demonstrate scattered irregular and curvilinear hyperpigmented and hypopigmented areas.

MEASUREMENTS AND WEIGHTS (approximate/estimate only):

Height: 69 inches
Weight: 144 pounds
Brain: 1380 grams

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM: Except for the findings previously described, the scalp, subscalp soft tissue and calvaria are unremarkable. On entering the cranial cavity, except for the findings previously described, the membranous, leptomeninges and the surfaces of the cerebral hemispheres are unremarkable. The vessels at the base of the brain have a normal configuration. The base of the skull shows no evidence of injury. On serial sectioning of the brain, the ventricular system demonstrates diffuse hemorrhage; the brain reveals no additional abnormal findings.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE RECOVERY AND DISPOSITION:

1. Multiple deformed lead and jacket fragments are recovered from the right side of the brain to custody of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

FLUIDS AND TISSUES SUBMITTED:

1. Postmortem heart blood.
2. Postmortem peripheral blood (femoral vein).
3. Vitreous humor.
4. Urine.
5. Brain tissue.
6. Autopsy tissue to stock.

TESTING ORDERED:

1. Toxicologic analysis [NMS: Basic] on autopsy blood.